

# GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **\*MISSOURI CAREER EDUCATION NEWS BULLETIN**

The September, 2007 issue of the Missouri Career Education News Bulletin is now available. It can be viewed online at [http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/News/MCE\\_News\\_Bulletin\\_Sept2007.pdf](http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/News/MCE_News_Bulletin_Sept2007.pdf)

### **\*MOVIP SITE FACILITATOR TRAINING TO BE OFFERED**

DESE, along with the MoVIP staff, is going to offer training opportunities on how to access the MoVIP Student Information System as well as updated information on the roles and responsibilities of the Site Facilitators. To see the dates, locations and more go to [http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/movip/couns\\_corner.htm](http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/movip/couns_corner.htm)

All MoVIP Site Facilitators will require a DESE Web Systems User ID. This can be obtained by filling out a DESE Web Systems User ID Request form (on DESE front page) and fax it to DESE at 573-526-4125.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the MoVIP office at DESE at 573-526-4219, or email Curt Fuchs at [Curt.Fuchs@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Curt.Fuchs@dese.mo.gov).

### **\*CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTEST"**

The Association for Career and Technical Education announces its first CTE Month Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest, inviting submissions of PSAs designed to celebrate and promote CTE Month during February 2008. Maximum Award: \$750; Apple's Final Cut Studio 2. Eligibility: Secondary and postsecondary students in CTE-related film, video and production classes. Deadline: November 15, 2007. See more at <http://www.acteonline.org/contest/videocontest.cfm>

### **\*ANNUAL MSCA FALL CONFERENCE BRING AND SLING IS GOING PAPERLESS**

If you have created a great guidance lesson, MSCA would love to have it for their Bring and Sling 2007! They are now **paperless**: All lessons will be compiled on to a CD and given to everyone who attends Bring and Sling at the Fall Conference in November. In addition, SuccessLink will be awarding monetary prizes to the creators of the top lessons. If you are interested in submitting a lesson, please e-mail it to [amy@successlink.org](mailto:amy@successlink.org) with the subject line of bring n sling. Please note it if is an elementary, middle/jr. high, high school, or multilevel lesson. If you know of a counselor with great lessons as well, pass the word along! If you have any additional questions, please e-mail Lani Gordon at [lgordon@rolla.k12.mo.us](mailto:lgordon@rolla.k12.mo.us)

## **PROGRAM COMPONENTS:**

**(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)**

### **{CURRICULUM}**

#### **\*EXAMPLES OF MINI LESSONS HAVING A CAREER FOCUS ARE AVAILABLE.**

Two different examples of lessons to use with students can be found at [http://www.careersolutionspublishing.com/CSPG\\_Mini-Lesson/](http://www.careersolutionspublishing.com/CSPG_Mini-Lesson/)

#### **\*ENTREPRENEURSHIP RESOURCES TO SHARE**

Planting the seed for entrepreneurship is important for middle and high school students. The resource highlighted is a unique and creative way for teachers, counselors, parents, and especially students to learn about starting small businesses and becoming entrepreneurs. To see this resource, go to <http://spapps.go.com/hsb4/landing/>

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## **\* A REMINDER FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR—SOME ONLINE RESOURCES:**

Sample curriculum lessons for all ages that correspond to the new standards and GLE's may be found on the Guidance E-Learning Center housed in the Missouri Center for Career Education at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/>

You can also search for guidance lessons on the SuccessLink website at [http://www.successlink.org/gti/search/start\\_search.asp](http://www.successlink.org/gti/search/start_search.asp)

## **{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}**

### **\* FINANCIAL PLANNING SITE AVAILABLE**

"Wuz Up" is an early awareness and financial aid event resource for Missouri students, parents, teachers, and counselors presented by The Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel (MASFAP). To visit it, go to <http://www.masfap.org/Safari/>

### **\* JOBS NOT BEING FILLED**

According to a survey by Manpower, Inc., employers reported that they had trouble filling the following jobs in the United States in 2007:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Sales Representatives | 6. Truck Drivers - Freight |
| 2. Teachers              | 7. Drivers - Delivery      |
| 3. Mechanics             | 8. Accountants             |
| 4. Technicians           | 9. Laborers                |
| 5. Management            | 10. Machine Operators      |

(Note: only 3 of these require a BA degree)

## **{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}**

### **\* BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH PREVENTION RESOURCES ONLINE**

The What's New area on the homepage at <http://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/> includes several resources relating to underage drinking prevention, families, schools/educators and communities.

Additional back-to-school substance abuse/mental health prevention resources are available at:

<http://www.family.samhsa.gov/set/septemberbacktoschool.aspx>

[http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/CollegeFactSheet/NIAAA\\_BacktoCollege\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/CollegeFactSheet/NIAAA_BacktoCollege_Fact_Sheet.pdf)

<http://www.backtoschool.drugabuse.gov/>

[http://www.stopstigma.samhsa.gov/topics\\_materials/ed-brochures.htm](http://www.stopstigma.samhsa.gov/topics_materials/ed-brochures.htm)

### **\* RESOURCES TO SHARE WITH FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DEPLOYMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL**

**Military OneSource:** For help with child care, personal finances, emotional support during deployments, relocation information or resources needed for special circumstances. 1-800-342-9647 or [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

**HELP FOR FAMILIES National Military Family Association:** A nonprofit advocacy organization supporting the needs of military families. 1-800-260-0218 or [www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org)

**Operation Purple:** A free summer camp for military children whose parents are involved in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Offered in 26 states by the National Military Family Association. 1-800-260-0218 or [www.operationpurple.org](http://www.operationpurple.org)

**Military HomeFront:** The Department of Defense Web site for quality-of-life information designed to help troops and their families, leaders and service providers. [www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil)

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## **\* A REMINDER: SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK IS SEPTEMBER 9 - 15, 2007**

In response to recent stories about an increase in suicide rates in certain age groups, remember that there are resources available to help you in your efforts. Go to <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/issues/suicide/ResourceCenters.htm> for a listing of Suicide Prevention Resource Centers with contact information.

## **{SYSTEM SUPPORT}**

### **\* SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH TEACHERS:**

In anticipation of awarding a contract for the development and administration of the end-of-course exams for MAP Algebra I, MAP Biology, and MAP English II, the Assessment Section has scheduled an item writing meeting to be held on September 25-27, 2007, at the Assessment Resource Center in Columbia. The timeline for submitting the application to participate is very short and space is limited! The item writer application can be found on the Division of School Improvement web page. Teachers are to download, complete and return their application by fax to the Assessment Section at 573-526-0812. **The link to download this form is [www.dese.mo.gov/divimprove](http://www.dese.mo.gov/divimprove). Deadline is September 14.**

Please distribute this information to any of your staff who may be eligible to apply. The item writer will need to be available to attend all three days of the meeting. Again, no applications will be accepted after September 14. Item writers who are chosen to attend will be notified within a week following the deadline.

We are confident that with the help of Missouri teachers, the development of the assessment will be valid and suitable for our secondary students. Thank you for your support of this important event. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Assessment Section at 800-845-3545.

### **\* INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR AN AWARD?**

The MetLife Foundation and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are seeking high-achieving middle level and high schools whose best practices and outstanding results can inform other schools in their school improvement efforts. Selected schools must have 40% or more students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. Each Breakthrough School will receive a \$5,000 grant and be featured in the association's monthly magazine, Principal Leadership. Principals of Breakthrough Schools will participate in dissemination efforts at the NASSP Annual Convention and other venues. To see more about this award, go to [http://www.principals.org/s\\_nassp/sec.asp?CID=66&DID=66](http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=66&DID=66)

## **CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:**

**A. THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER SERVICES (MACS) FALL CONFERENCE WILL** be held on September 13-14, 2007 at the Courtyard by Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Blvd., Columbia, MO 65201. To obtain a registration form, go to <http://macs.mo-acte.org/calendar.html>

**B. THE MISSOURI MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING** will be held on Nov. 1-3, 2007 at Tan-Tar-A. For more information, go to <http://www.mmhca.net/>

**C. THE MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE** will be held November 4-6, 2007 at Tan Tar A. A conference preview is posted at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/ConferencePreview.pdf>.

**D. THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE** will be held November 11-13, 2007 at Tan Tar A. Conference information and the registration form are available at <http://www.missouricareereducation.org/>

**E. ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) ANNUAL CONVENTION** will be held in Las Vegas NV on December 13-15, 2007. For information about the conference, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention/>